

REMARKS

Within the present application claims 5-6, 9, 13 and 18 -35 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 7 and 14 have been amended such that claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-17 are currently pending.

Additionally, the specification has been amended such that the current status of all the nonprovisional applications have been referenced. Furthermore, the specification has been amended to correct a minor change on page 11 of the specification. Applicants further note that since claims 28-35 have been canceled and that claim 7 recites only that the thermoplastic elastomer comprises a polydiene, which has support in the current specification on page 7, lines 20-21, there is no need to further amend the specification to include that which is recited in the canceled claims.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Within the present application only claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-17 are currently pending with the remainder being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, only the rejections applicable to the remaining claims will be discussed.

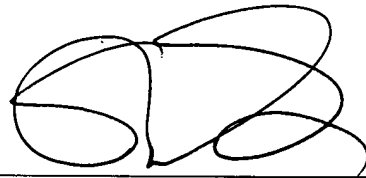
Independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended such that the isocyanate now contains a prepolymer or an isocyanate monomer. This change was made to alleviate the objection in paragraph 4 of the Outstanding Action. The thermoplastic polymer was amended to read thermoplastic elastomer to alleviate the objection in paragraph 5. The recitation of a prepolymer has been amended to read that an isocyanate containing a prepolymer or isocyanate monomer to alleviate the objections in paragraphs 6-8. The term "about" has been deleted from claim 14 to alleviate the objection in paragraph 9.

Claims 28-35 have been canceled, thus the objections in paragraphs 10-11 are no longer applicable. Claim 6 has been canceled such that the objection in paragraph 12 is no longer applicable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-17 are allowable and an early notice of such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing Response, he is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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